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SIGNIFICANT FOREIGN RADIO REPORTAGE

RUSSIAN HIERARCHY--Present at the opening of the RSFSR Supreme Council were Molotov, Malenkov, Beria, Voroshilov, Mikoyan, Bulganin, Kaganovich, Andreyev, Khrushchev, Kosygin, Shvernik, Suslov, and Shkiryatov, listed in that order by the Moscow Home Service. REUTERS notes the presence of Suslov, a senior secretary of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party, but never officially listed as a Politburo member. A Paris broadcast quotes the British INTELLIGENCE DIGEST as saying that members of the Politburo have been officially informed that Stalin is a chronic invalid and, although his sickness may be long-drawn-out, he may be expected to die in his sleep from a coronary or cerebral thrombosis. The British review says that this information comes from "the most authoritative Soviet source," and adds that Stalin will be succeeded by Molotov and Malenkov.

GERMAN PEACE TREATY--The Berlin radio reports the delivery of the Western notes of reply to the USSR's proposals on Germany. The Leipzig radio says that the reaction of the people "is unanimous in its disappointment;" the Western Powers have either ignored or sidetracked every Soviet proposal and have not made one constructive proposal of their own. The Leipzig broadcast says that "the USSR, no doubt, will reply." On the frontier question, the broadcast says that revisions of the Eastern frontier would lead to a new World War. FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU says that Soviet Zone reaction to the French reply is one of "strong disappointment" as it had been hoped that Soviet proposals for German neutralization would appeal to the French.

BACTERIAL WARFARE--Denouncing the American "plague throwers" at a Berlin rally, in a speech carried by the Berlin and Leipzig radios, Gerhart Eisler charges that the Truman Government is using germ warfare to end the Korea fighting in a few weeks so that Truman, as the victor in Korea, will have a better chance of being reelected. Eisler adds, according to ADN, that the U.S. "warmongers" are planning to use germ warfare against the Germans and other peoples of Europe. The Moscow radio says that West Point cadets are being trained in germ warfare.

TUNISIAN PROBLEM--The Pinay Government's future seems darker, in the view of Paris observers, because of the political aspect of the Tunisian situation and possible developments. Representatives of the Government majority groups are uneasy, particularly the MRP, to which both Minister of Foreign Affairs Schuman and Minister of Associated States Letourneau belong. The French Press Agency carries the story.

YUGOSLAV TRIAL--Yugoslavia today will begin the trial of six spies who worked "for a foreign Power" under the direction of "the so-called Trieste Committee for National Liberation, an anti-Yugoslav and irridentist organization," the Belgrade radio says.

U.S. 'DEAL' WITH INDIA--REUTERS quotes an article in the Pakistani DAWN according to which the United States has made a secret deal with India whereby India would break away from Communist China in return for retaining Kashmir and "huge economic aid." DAWN says that this deal was made with the connivance of Churchill, and is the reason why Dr. Graham "failed" in his recent mission.

INDIAN COMMUNISTS--The INDIAN INFORMATION SERVICE reports that the ban on illegal organizations, including the Communist Party, has been lifted in Travancore-Cochin.

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